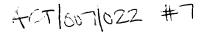
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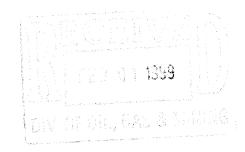
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Dear Mr. Hilden:

Enclosed please find the Discharge Monitoring Report for Mountain Coal Company UPDES Permit Number UTG040004. This report covers the month of December 1998.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me.

Respectfully,

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Enclosures

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